(a) whether Government have taken any decision to set up Food Processing and Training Centres in the State of Assam;

(b) whether his Ministry has organised any seminar in the month of July 1993 at Guwahati in this regard;

(c) the number of incentives provided by the Central Government to the Assam State for Food Processing Industries; and

(d) what are the locations district-wise in the State for setting up such industries with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) A scheme for assisting setting up of Food Processing and Training Centres in rural areas is being implemented during 8th Plan. Although, no proposal seeking assistance for setting up of such Food Processing and Training Centre has been received from Assam so far, the Ministry under the above plan scheme would consider providing necessary funds as and when such proposals are received from Assam.

(b) A seminar on food processing industries was organised on 6th July, 1993 at Guwahati to discuss development of food processing industries in the North-Eastern region.

(c) Incentives provided to food processing industries by the Central Government inter-alia include tax holiday for 5 years, exemption of Union Excise duty on processed fruits and vegetable products, fish products, meat and poultry products, certain milk products, soya products etc., reduction of customs and excise duty on plant and machinery for food processing industries, reduction of union excise duty on certain packaging materials, duty free import of capital goods for 100 per cent Export-oriented units, allowing 50 per cent of the products on DTA sales for agro-based 100 per cent EOUs, 100 per cent convertibility of rupee on trade accounts, assistance from the Ministry of Food Processing Industries under plan schemes for setting up of various food processing industries, training, marketing, establishment of infrastructure etc. The special incentives for North-Eastern region including Assam include income/corporate tax exemption for a period of 5 years from the date of production/in the first 8 years of operation, higher quantum of assistance under the plan schemes of the Ministry.

(d) The Ministry does not set up food processing units directly but provides assistance to the State Government undertakings, joint sector undertakings, assisted sector undertakings, cooperatives voluntary organisations etc. for setting up/upgrading food processing units, establishment of infrastructure etc. Therefore, distric-wise/state-wise location for setting up such industries have to necessarily come from the organisations seeking assistance and/or the State Government. This Ministry also provide assistance to State Government for conducting studies, feasibility reports etc. which inter-alia identify the location where such industries could be set up. Consolidated district-wise details for setting up of food processing industries have not been received from the State of Assam.

281. [*Transferred to the 3rd August,* 1993.]

Deep Sea Fishing Industry in A.P.

282. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deep-sea fishing industry based in Andhra Pradesh has appealed for radical measures to rehabilitate the sick industry;

(b) whether the Technical Committee recently constituted would look into the need to amend the S.D.F.Cfl Abolition Act of 1986; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there are legal constraints in rehabilitating the deep sea fishery sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING

INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Representations from Association of Indian Fishery Industry have been received requesting rehabilitation of the sick deep-sea fishing units.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No legal constraint is envisaged in implementation of rehabilitation package announced in April, 1991 which was further liberalised in June, 1992.

Licences for brewing beer

283. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain State Government have issued licences for brewing beer whereas the Central Government propose to delicence the Beer Industry;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) According to the legal position, the Central Government alone is competent to issue a licence for brewing beer. However, it is a fact that certain State Governments have issued permissions for installing breweries. The detailed information regarding these permissions is being collected from the States and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is available. Government will also finalise its reaction after full information is available.

At present there is no proposal under consideration with the Government to delicense beer industry.

रोजगार समस्या हल करने के लिए कृषि उद्योग

284. डा. जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 31 मई, 1993 के "आब्जर्वर" में एग्रो-इंडस्ट्री कैन सोल्व इंडियाज जाब प्राब्लम ए स्टडी" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि देश में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग का विस्तार और विकास करके देश में बेरोजगारी की बढ़ती हुई समस्या को हल किया जा सकता है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने यह अनुमान लगाया है कि कितने लोगों को रोजगार दिया जा सकता है और इस प्रयोजन के लिए इस उद्योग में कितनी पूंजी का निवेश किये जाने की आवश्यकता है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरुण गोगोई) (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) से (घ) देश में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों में बहुत अधिक रोजगार उत्पन्न करने की संभावना है । यह अनुमान है कि करीब 12,000 करोड़ रुपए का निवेश करने से इन उद्योगों में आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि के दौरान करीब 10 लाख श्रम वर्ष (मैन-इयर्स, के बराबर रोजगार उत्पन्न होगा ।

खाद्य क्षेत्रों की परियोजनाओं का कार्यान्वयन

285. श्री राम जेठमलानी ;
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज ;

क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(ग) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 11 मई, 1993 के "दि इक्नोमिक टाइम्स" में,